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DECLARATION:

As a below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **AUTOMATED SERVICE SUPPORT OF SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER NETWORK**, the specification of which is filed concurrently herewith.

The person or persons named as inventor(s) in this application are as follows: Scott D. Ritche.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above -identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

No prior foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate has been filed.

No priority claim is made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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